

## A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL

By Gordon, Reich, Frey, B. Johnson, Yang, Warsame, Goodman, Glidden, Cano, Bender, Quincy, A. Johnson, and Palmisano

## Designating October 23, 2014, as "Lights On Afterschool Day" in the City of Minneapolis

Whereas, each year, "Lights On Afterschool" is observed nationwide in celebration and support of afterschool programs; and

Whereas, Minneapolis is recognized for the positive effects of quality afterschool programs on our children, families and communities; and

Whereas, quality afterschool programs provide the types of enriching experiences that develop children's skills which are necessary for success in school, work and life, and promote community engagement; and

Whereas, afterschool programs support working families by ensuring their children are safe and productive after the regular school day ends; and

Whereas, afterschool programs also help build stronger communities by involving students, parents, business leaders and adult volunteers in the lives of young people, thereby promoting positive relationships among youth, families and adults; and

Whereas, Minneapolis is committed to the healthy development and safety of our youth and recognizes afterschool programs for the opportunities they provide; and

Whereas, Minneapolis will continue to lead in the development and well-bring of our youth, grounded in the principle that investments in quality afterschool programs are beneficial to our children's academic, social, physical, and emotional development; and

Whereas, a variety of community-based events are planned as part of "Lights On Afterschool" 2014, and its goals to ensure that in every community across the state the lights stay on and the doors stay open for all children after school;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by The City Council of The City of Minneapolis:

That October 23, 2014, is hereby declared to be "Lights On Afterschool Day" in the City of Minneapolis.

Be It Further Resolved that the City requests that the Minnesota Department of Transportation light the I-35W Memorial Bridge in gold – RGB 255; 215; 0 – on October 23, 2014, as a sign of support for "Lights On Afterschool Day."

Passed, September 19, 2014
Barbara Johnson, President of the Council
Approved:
Betsy Hodges, Mayor
Attest:
Casey Carl, City Clerk